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Dear Colonel Richardson,

Thanks for your letter of April 10.

Of course I do not know the jurisdiction of your office or what files it searched but I do know the Air Force has special files on me. My request was not whimsical.

Your letter seems to say that you searched the files of your own unit only. Where it refers to the JFK assassination there is what I take as an ambiguity, that your search may have been limited to in this connection.

You say you cannot locate any record, your words, of me. This necessarily means your inquiry within the Air Forces was too limited. I know of at least three files competent or properly-directed investigation had to turn up and I have reason to believe there could have been others. Of these three I do have personal knowledge.

From my own federal investigative and intelligence experience I do presume that the Air Force obtained other data from other agencies. And my request was for all information regardless of its source.

The Air Force was twice a defendant in successful suits I filed. The Army undertook responsibility for the Air Force's share of the damages to me. I won both suits. In addition, I filed a separate claim for damages from a sonic boom with the Fover AFB. There is a separate file on this that I have seen. It refers to a special file and gives its file designation. It also discloses what I think I can fairly describe as fraud by those gang bo! types determined not to pay a modest claim and who spent much more federal money in an effort to avoid the legal precedent I did later set. In addition to all this, there was a time when the Secretary for Air directed a Major Freeman to have me report sonic booms in the area in which I then lived, Hyattstown, Md. as soon as I heard them. Major Freeman was in the Public Information office. There should also be a record of the Air Force's participation in a meeting at the Pentagon, under the direct order of the Secretary of Defense, between me and others who included at least two Air Force officers, operational and legal.

Your letter reads, "The Air Force Office of Special investigations cannot locate any record of you..." This from the foregoing would seem to indicate a less than thorough search. Perhaps not in the correct places. My request was not limited to your office and the files directly under its control. There cannot be no record of me from the litigation records alone. And under discovery I did see reference to a file of an entirely different character, one that makes me wonder about the applicability of the Privacy Act.

If this does not include all the information the Air Force requires for a real search, perhaps I can be of further help. And I did mean my request to be inclusive, not limited to your office or the subject of assassinations.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg